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25X1 [redacted] rumors in the press about large trade agree-  
25X1 ments between the DDR and Communist China are completely without  
25X1 foundation. No agreements have been signed, and there have not  
25X1 even been any discussions on the question in the Ministry of  
25X1 Foreign Trade. [redacted] no agreement can be expected  
25X1 before late 1950 and [redacted] deliveries cannot take place before  
1951.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] an intensive  
25X1 effort is being made outside normal channels to obtain West  
25X1 German steel for Communist China. The Berliner Zeitung of  
25X1 22 January 1950 reports on the efforts of Otto Volff and  
25X1 other steel producers in Düsseldorf, Cologne, and Essen to  
25X1 arrange contracts with China. [redacted] this  
25X1 article is based on facts and its publication caused some  
25X1 consternation among officials of the DDR. The Soviet  
25X1 economic experts plan to import steel from the Ruhr to  
the Russian Zone for transshipment to China via Rostock.

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